

XVII. (XL.)

Deity , JRwAt, and metre as before.

varga xii. i. Drink, INBEA, (the *Soma*) that is
 effused for thy
 exhilaration : stop thy friendly steeds : let
 them loose :
 sitting in our society, respond to our
 hymns:¹ give
 food to him who lauds and worships thee.

2. Drink, INDRA, of this (libation), of
 which thou,
 mighty one, hast drunk as soon as born, for
 excite-
 ment to (great) deeds; that Swaa-juice which
 the
 kine, the priests, the waters, the stones, combine
 to
 prepare for thy drinking.

3. The fire is kindled; the *Soma*,
 INDRA, is effused:
 let thy vigorous horses bring thee hither: I
 invoke
 thee, INDRA, with a mind wholly devoted to
 thee:
 come for our great prosperity;

4. Thou hast ever gone (to similar
 rites) : come
 now with a great mind disposed to drink the
Soma:
 hear these our praises: may the worshipper
 present to
 thee (sacrificial) food for (the nourishment of)
 thy
 person.

5. Whether, INDRA> thou abide in
 the distant
 heaven, in any other place, or in thine own abode,
 or

adhinatwdt titkivibkdydk, the divisions of lunar
 days are de-
 pendent upon the motions of the moon, it may be
 said to be the
 cause of days, weeks, months, and years, the first
 term, *aktun*,
 is said by the scholiast to imply fortnights,
 months, and years,
 or the longer periods of time : the phrase in the
 parenthesis is
 not in the text, but is supplied by the scholiast,
twayd *piyama-*
nah, to be drunk by thee, but it is justified by
 the pronoun
ayam, this, which could not apply, at something
 present to
 the moon.

1 *Utapra tjdya gane d nishedya : pragdya* is
 explained *asmd-*
bhih kritam stotram upaflokaya, return verses to
 the praise
 made by us.